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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Martyn Frank Burslem, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/040,570

: Examiner: Bertoglio, Valerie

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: Group Art Unit: 1632

TITLE: MODULATION OF PDE11A ACTIVITY :

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002, Applicant submit the following remarks. The period for response to the Office Action is extended for two months to January 29, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16445.

Applicants elect claim set I, drawn to genetically-modified non-human mammals with a disruption in the PDE11A gene, with traverse. Applicants note that the subject matter of claim set II, drawn to a cell with a disruption in the PDE11A gene, is highly related to the subject matter of claim set I. A search of subject matter related to disrupting the PDE11A gene would result in hits for both cells as well as non-human mammals; such a search would not be unduly extensive or burdensome. Indeed, in keeping with Applicants' position, a brief search of issued U.S. patents related to knockout subject matter yielded several patents with claims to both knockout animals and cells (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,372,958, 6,245,965, and 6,207,878).

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Accordingly Applicants assert that there should be no restriction requirement dividing claim set I from claim set II and request that such requirement be removed to allow the election of claims 1-7 for prosecution in this application.

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